

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter that applicants regard as the invention.

The Office Action Summary indicates that no certified copies of the priority documents have been received. This is a national stage application of PCT/JP2005/001767. Attached is form PCT/IB/304, which shows that the priority documents were received by the International Bureau. It is the USPTO's obligation to obtain a copy of the priority document. If the priority document is not in the file, the Examiner is requested to contact Mike Neas at the PCT Legal Department (571) 272-3289.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 3075351 in view of JP 2002-218440. Amended claim 1 recites, "a camera housing having an engaged portion comprising a through hole through the camera housing, and a dehumidification regulation body having...an engaging portion, mounted within the through hole, that engages the engaged portion of the camera housing." The camera housing has the engaged portion comprising a through hole through the camera housing. The dehumidification regulation body has an engaging portion that engages the engaged portion of the camera housing. The engaging portion is mounted *within the through hole*.

JP 3075351 teaches a case 1 and a heating resistor 12 inside of the case. JP 2002-218440 teaches a camera 100 having a threaded housing (see Fig. 4). However, neither reference teaches a camera housing having a through hole within which is mounted an engaging portion of a dehumidification regulation body.

The Examiner asserts at page 6 of the Office action that “JP ‘352” (believed to be JP 3075351) shows a detachable electrode having internally and externally disposed portions. The disclosed camera is an outdoor surveillance camera and nothing in the figures can be presumed to teach an exposed electrode.

In view of the deficiencies of the cited combination of references, applicants submit that claim 1 and dependent claims 2-6 are allowable of said combination. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 4 recites “wherein the dehumidification element is provided with a solid high-polymer electrolyte film interposed on both surfaces thereof between electrode films.” Applicants’ attorney has thoroughly reviewed the cited references and can find no teaching of the noted limitations. In view of the deficiencies of the cited combination of references, applicants submit that claim 4 and dependent claims 5 and 6 are allowable over the cited combination of references.

Claim 7 requires a camera housing provided with a screw hole, and a dehumidification regulation body having a regulation body member mounted to the screw hole of the camera housing. JP 3075351 teaches a case 1 and a heating resistor 12 inside of the case. The heating resistor 12 is not mounted to a screw hole of the case. JP 2002-218440 does not teach a camera housing having a screw hole. Clearly, the cited combination of references fails to teach or otherwise render foreseeable all of the limitations of claim 7. In view of the deficiencies of the cited combination of references, applicants submit that claim 7 and dependent claim 8 are allowable of said combination. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 8 recites, “wherein the dehumidification element comprises a solid high-polymer electrolyte film.” Applicants’ attorney has thoroughly reviewed the cited references and can find

no teaching of the noted limitations. In view of the deficiencies of the cited combination of references, applicants submit that claim 8 is allowable over the cited combination of references.

Amended claim 9 recites, "a dehumidification regulation body comprising:...an engaging portion that engages an engaged portion of a camera housing within a through hole of the engaged portion through the camera housing." The arguments provided above with respect to claim 1 also apply to claim 9. In view of the deficiencies of the cited combination of references, applicants submit that claim 9 is allowable of said combination. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. OHNO-40791.

Respectfully submitted,  
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